



# Bluffton Police Department

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## **Hurricane Matthew Update**

### **What:**

Hurricane Matthew

### **Where:**

Town of Bluffton

### **When:**

Friday, October 7, 2016

A mandatory curfew has been put in place for all Beaufort County, including the Town of Bluffton. The curfew will be in effect, tonight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through Sunday and will be re-evaluated by County officials at that time. The curfew means that anyone in public, other than first responders, and authorized personnel will be stopped and questioned.

According to the Beaufort County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Hilton Head Island will begin to feel tropical storm winds as early as 1 p.m. The northern part of the county will begin to feel tropical storm winds by 2 p.m. Later this evening hurricane wind gusts will begin to be felt. Once storm winds begin, the storm will most likely last anywhere from 24 to 30 hours.

Currently, the entire county is under a hurricane warning and flash flood watch.

Palmetto Breeze has halted all rides for the public.

There is a heavy presence of police officers on Bluffton roads patrolling neighborhoods and businesses.

The storm is approaching quickly, and the public needs to be reminded to stay indoors during the storm.

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